

WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

There is no evidence that any arms or strategic materials are being carried to Cuba in vessels of Western European countries. Furthermore, there has been no increase in Western European shipping to Cuba in recent months.

We have made strong approaches to the countries of Western Europe requesting them to reexamine their trade policies and the extent of their commerce with Cuba, for the purpose of bringing their policies toward Cuba more closely in line with those of the U.S. We feel encouraged by the increasing seriousness with which these countries view the Cuban problem.

On the particular problem of ships of Western European countries trading with Cuba, we have recently received a number of positive indications that a number of European countries are taking steps to persuade their shippers to reduce the chartering of their ships in the Cuban trade.

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